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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, in which it decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, an ad hoc advisory group at the ambassadorial level, inter alia, to examine the economic and humanitarian situation of the country concerned, prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support and provide advice on how to ensure that the assistance of the international community was adequate, coherent, well-coordinated and effective,

Recalling also its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002, in which it decided to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau, appointed the members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to submit a report on its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council by mid-January 2003,

Recognizing the importance of respecting the sovereignty of Guinea-Bissau and its full participation in the implementation of the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group,

Taking into account the current and specific circumstances prevailing in Guinea-Bissau and the urgent need to address the critical situation that persists in the country,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,[1] welcomes the recommendations contained therein and endorses the partnership approach it sets out;

[1] E/2003/8.

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2. *Invites* the Government of Guinea-Bissau and, within their respective mandates, the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions, the donor community and the international community as a whole to give full consideration to the recommendations formulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and to take specific and concrete steps to give effect to the partnership approach, with a view to addressing the short-term needs and implementing a long-term programme of support;

3. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council to be held in July 2003;

4. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau shall invite the participation in its work of the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations in his capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council for 2003, the Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations in his capacity as Chairperson of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau, and the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations in his capacity as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, and the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end;

6. *Recognizes* that the present resolution is specific to the situation prevailing in Guinea-Bissau and that future decisions and resolutions will continue to take into account the specific circumstances of any other African country emerging from conflict that requests the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group.